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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed November 10, 1998, in which the pending claims were subject to a restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects claim Group II, consisting of claims 1-14 inclusive, for further prosecution in the subject application. These claims are drawn to a method of producing pulp.

Applicant withdraws claims 15-22 designated as Group I, drawn to a refining apparatus, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application to cover the withdrawn subject matter.

Applicant also encloses herewith an Information Disclosure Statement.

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